

House Resolution No. 250

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during his sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Joe Branstetter of Curryville, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of his Eightieth Birthday with a special celebration on February 17, 2008, at New Harmony Christian Church; and

Whereas, on February 15, 1928, in Curryville, God brought a special gift to Harve Brooks and Mattie Mae Mitchell Branstetter with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Joe, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating his birthday, Joe Branstetter will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in his life such as being married for forty-eight years to Yvonne Moore Branstetter, now deceased; finding love a second time when he wed Mary Frances Branstetter; and helping raise their children; and

Whereas, Joe Branstetter has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include three children and their spouses, Deborah and Allan Kraft, Marion and Jackie Branstetter, and David and Joyce Mast; ten grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Joe Branstetter has compiled an impressive list of achievement that includes being a retired farmer; a veteran of the United States Army who served in World War II and thereafter; a volunteer for Hope Center in Bowling Green; and a member and office holder of the Missouri Farmers Association, the ASC Committee, the Pike County Mutual Insurance Company, Consolidated Electric Cooperative, the New Harmony Cemetery Association, and New Harmony Christian Church; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 80, Joe Branstetter is extremely grateful for the countless blessings he has received throughout the course of his long and eventful life, which he attributes to living each day by the Good Book:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Joe Branstetter at this significant milestone and in wishing him peace and contentment as he continues to enjoy his golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Joe Branstetter, as a measure of the high esteem in which we hold him.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry L. Witte
District No. 10

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 250, adopted January 24, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker